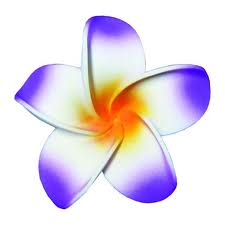
Lesona 2: Talofa lava – Hello

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**TĀLOFA LAVA FORMAL GREETINGS**

**TEACHER’S NOTES**

* **Tangi:** In fa'asāmoa or Samoan culture, there are three language levels in operation;

1. Everyday gagana Sāmoa,
2. Formal gagana and
3. Formal **gagana fa'amatai** the **language of chiefs**.

Ordinarily it is acceptable in Samoan custom to use every day gagana in conversation with friends, acquaintances, other students and family members.



* **Sharleen:** However, when conversing with elders, people of status or people who are unfamiliar to you, it is appropriate to use formal gagana Sāmoa.
  + This is one way of demonstrating respect or **the Samoan value of** **fa'aaloalo**.
  + This means that when students greet a teacher or a visitor, they would say **Tālofa lava** or **Mālō lava**



* **Leigh: Tālofa lava!** Greeting your students.
  + By way of introduction and to welcome students to the first lesson, you can welcome them as they come in by saying Tālofa. Hello.
  + If one responds, smile, and say again Tālofa………... (Name).
  + When all the students are seated, take the roll and as you call their names say Tālofa and encourage them to respond with Tālofa.

